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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: PM HOVEYDA VISIT TO IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 267

1. GOI PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO WELCOME IRANIAN PRIME  
MINISTER HOVEYDA DURING MARCH 26-29 VISIT. RCC VICE  
CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN WAS OFFICIAL HOST AND HAD SEVERAL  
WORKING SESSIONS WITH HIM. HOVEYDA ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT  
AL-BAKR. PRESS HAILED VISIT AS GOOD BEINNING TO NEW  
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RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS IN INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

2. HOVEYDA'S PROGRAM HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARD MAJOR SHIA PILGRIMATE SITES AT NAJAF, KERBALA, KHADIMAIN AND SAMARRA. VISITS TO MOSQUES WERE GIVEN HEAVY TV COVERAGE AND CHEERING CROWDS APPEARED GENUINELY ENTHUSIASTIC.

3. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR AL-NAGGAR TOLD ME SADDAM HUSSEIN EXPECTED TO VISIT IRAN IN MID-APRIL AND SHAH TO VISIT BAGHDAD END OF APRIL.

4. COMMENT: VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE GIVEN REAL SUBSTANCE TO ALGIERS ACORD. IT COINCIDED WITH MAJOR GOI CAMPAIGN TO WIN OVER KURDS AND DEMONSTRATE TO SHIAS THAT ERA OF NATIONAL RECONCILLIATION HAS ARRIVED. PLEASURE OF IRAQI SHIA COMMUNITY, WHICH COMPRISES ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF POPULATION, AT PROBABILITY OF FREE MOVEMENT BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN IS NO DOUBT REAL. HOVEYDA'S AGREEMENT TO PROGRAM SUGGESTS HE TOO SEES ADVANTAGE TO PLAYING UP IMPORTANCE OF RAPPROCHEMENT FOR SHIA COMMUNITIES. LOWRIE

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